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WILDERNESS HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR SEVEN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AREAS

Public hearings on wilderness recommendations for seven national wildlife refuges will be held in coming months, the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service announced today.

Specific times, meeting locations, and the areas involved are:

I. Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, Minn. Hearing February 20, 7:30 p.m., at the Becker County Courthouse, Detroit Lakes, Minn. A study summary containing a map and information on the Tamarac proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, Rural Route, Rochert, Minn. 56578, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, Minn. 55111. Individuals or organizations may express their oral or written comments for inclusion in the official record of the hearing to the regional director at the above address by March 22, 1974.

II. Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, Vt. Hearing February 5, 9:30 a.m., at the St. Albans City Hall, St. Albans, Vt. A study summary containing a map and information on the Missisquoi proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, Swanton, Vt. 05488, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, John W. McCormick Post Office and Courthouse, Boston, Mass. 02109. Individuals or organizations may express their oral or written views by appearing at this hearing, or they may submit written comments for inclusion in the official record of the hearing to the regional director at the above address by March 8, 1974.

III. Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, Ill. Hearing February 6, 7:30 p.m., at Marion Holiday Inn, Marion, Ill. A study summary containing a map and information on the Crab Orchard proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, Box J, Carterville, Ill. 62918, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, Minn. 55111. Individuals or organizations may express their oral or written views by appearing at this hearing, or they may submit written comments for inclusion in the official record of the hearing to the regional director at the above address by March 8, 1974.

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IV. Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, Minn. Hearing February 21, 7:30 p.m., at the Middle River School, Middle River, Minn. A study summary containing a map and information on the Agassiz proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, Middle River, Minn. 56737, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, Minn. 55111. Individuals or organizations may express their oral or written views by appearing at this hearing, or they may submit written comments for inclusion in the official record of the hearing to the regional director at the above address by March 25, 1974.

V. National Bison Range, Mont. Hearing February 23, 10 a.m., at the Elks Club, 512 Main Street, Polson, Mont. A study summary containing a map and information on the National Bison Range proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, National Bison Range, Moiese, Mont. 59824, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colo. 80215. Individuals or organizations may express their oral or written views by appearing at this hearing, or they may submit written comments for inclusion in the official record of the hearing to the regional director at the above address by March 24, 1974.

VI. Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Mont. Hearing March 16, 10 a.m., at the Medicine Lake High School, Medicine Lake, Mont. A study summary containing a map and information on the Medicine Lake proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Medicine Lake, Mont. 59247, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colo. 80215. Individuals or organizations may express their oral or written views by appearing at this hearing, or they may submit written comments for inclusion in the official record of the hearing to the regional director at the above address by April 15, 1974.

VII. Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge, Nebr. Hearing March 23, 10 a.m., at the Cherry County Courthouse, Valentine, Nebr. A study summary containing a map and information on the Fort Niobrara proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge, Hidden Timber Route, Valentine, Nebr. 69201, or the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colo. 80215. Individuals or organizations may express their oral or written views by appearing at this hearing, or they may submit written comments for inclusion in the official record of the hearing to the regional director at the above address by April 22, 1974.

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